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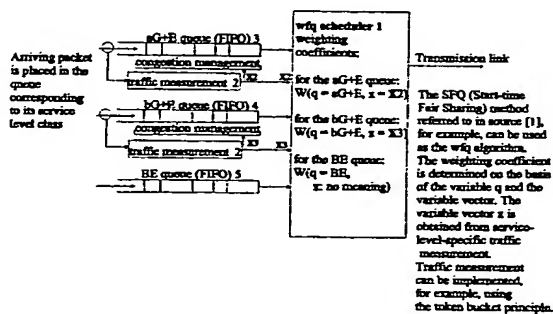
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a method and equipment for controlling the congestion management and transmission-link-capacity scheduling in packet-switched telecommunications, in such a way that 1) it is possible to define what share of the capacity of the transmission link will be reserved for traffic representing a specific service level class, and 2) it is possible to define the weighting coefficient that the portion of the traffic exceeding the reservation of each service level class will use to compete for the portion of the capacity of the transmission link that is not reserved, or that is reserved but is not being used momentarily by traffic entitled to the reservation, and 3) it is possible to use overbooking, in such a way that the reduction in service quality due to overbooking affects only the service level class in which overbooking is used, and 4) it is possible to prevent an increase in delays detrimental to traffic-flow control even in a congestion situation arising from overbooking. The invention is based on measuring the traffic flow that comes to be scheduled, in which the flow is formed of packets representing a specific service level class arriving in the queue, or some of the relevant packets, and on controlling the operation of the scheduler and congestion limitation mechanism on the basis of the measurement results.